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REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

HARNESS LEFT OUT

When Frank DeMartini, secretary of Teamsters 70, became a member of the Oakland Civil Service Commission, the present writer was asking him questions about his early experiences as a teamster, and Frank told about how he used to have to come down to the stable on Sundays and take care of the horses and the harness.

Not long ago, for the first time in 70 years, Montgomery Ward's special farm catalogue came out, listing no harnesses for work horses.

The way things have changed! When some of us were younger, all one's interest hung around the horse, just as some of us have our interest hang around the automobile or the airplane now.

A HIGH ART

Every boy had to learn how to take care of a horse, often of several horses. There was the right way to harness up, and you had to learn it.

Same for the plow horse, and the smart Sunday rigs, and every move you made in front of your elders and betters was subject to criticism. It was a great art, and you were made to understand that it was, and that you were an apprentice at it.

Driving the horse, too, the way you held the reins, the way you handled a skittish one, the way you handled a sluggish one. The way you stepped into the rig. There wasn't a move you made that wasn't part of a very high and much discussed art.

LIVERY STABLES

As for the old-fashioned livery stable, that was a great hang-out where, to tell the truth, you learned a lot of things that weren't directly connected with horses, and which maybe you'd have done just as well not to learn in exactly the way you learned them there. However, one gathers that there are substitutes for the old-fashioned livery stable as a hangout. Only they don't have that wonderful picture of Dan Patch hanging on the dusty wall.

But to come back to the job of harnessing a horse, the biggest thrill of all was to hang around the firehouse, and watch the firemen, and the harness dropping down from above on the trained animals, hitching up in nothing flat! That WAS a thrill!

Brother DeMartini probably remembers that, too.

Official Call to Merger Convention

The nearing approach of the merger of AFL and CIO was realized by delegates to the Central Labor Council this week when Secretary Robert S. Ash read out the official calls to the American Federation of Labor convention on December 1, and the convention of the merged federations on December 5.

The AFL convention meets at the Hotel Statler in New York City, the CIO convention in Manhattan Center in the same city, and the new "American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations" holds its first convention at the 71st Regimental Armory.

Mrs. Shirsper On Demo Candidacies

Mrs. Clara Shirsper, Democratic National Committeewoman for California, has issued a statement on the recent action of many prominent Democrats in urging that Adlai Stevenson enter the California primary.

Mrs. Shirsper says that "there are at least three outstanding men who apparently are interested in being candidates." Stevenson, Harriman, and Kefauver, that she has "the highest respect and admiration for each of them," but:

"I believe that it is not consistent with my responsibilities as National Committeewoman to take sides at this time."

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.
AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 70



PRINTERS 40 AND 50 YEARS. It isn't everybody that works at the same trade and belongs to the same union 40 or 50 years. But some members of Oakland Typographical 36 have done it. On October 9 the union awarded pins to its oldtimers. In picture above, from left are A. W. "Bud" Brown, 40 years of service; Don Hurd, International Typographical Union secretary-treasurer and formerly secretary of Local 36, who presented the pins; John Coe, 50 years; Charles Burnham, 50 years; Harry Gray, 50 years; Leo Grosse, 40 years and Paul Pickruhl, 40 years. The affair was held at Colombo Hall, 5321 Claremont Avenue.

Consolidation of City, County Is Proposed to Labor Council

The Central Labor Council was told this week that the time is approaching when a determined drive will have to be made to cut through the tangle of separate municipalities and unincorporated districts planning to become municipalities.

"If Oakland and the other cities and Alameda county are to make any real progress," CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash told the delegates under the heading of Good and Welfare, "a city-and-county government or some equivalent system of getting out of the present chaos will have to be set up."

Ash said that since other organizations seem to hold back about doing something on an issue that many realize is extremely important, it begins to look as though organized labor would have to start the ball rolling.

"After the thing got started, we probably could watch it from the sidelines, giving what help from us was needed," said Ash, implying that the need for some such consolidation was so widely felt that once under way it would become a general civic movement.

He indicated incidentally that there might be some difficulty about choosing a name for the consolidated entity when he said it might be called the City and County of Alameda, or the City and County of Oakland-Alameda, or some other name. But he made no bones about the need for coming out squarely on the matter.

The need for it had been recently called to his attention, he said, when he attended a conference held in the southern end of the county at which various incorporation schemes were discussed. He told those there that he felt something very fundamental must be done, that it was time citizens quit monkeying around with inadequate moves.

The delegates laughed when the secretary told of meeting a traveling salesman in Sacramento some years ago who, when Ash said he was from Oakland, replied:

"Oh yes, I've heard about that place. They say it's the only cemetery in the world with street lights."

Ash concluded with: "I'd like to have our city and area known as something more than the only cemetery in the world with street lights."

Civic Unity Group Conference Is Set

Irving S. Rosenblatt, president, California Federation for Civic Unity, has written to the Central Labor Council calling attention to the annual conference of the group to be held at Asilomar December 9-11. The letter concludes:

"We are sure that representatives from your organization will be anxious to be present. This is the time to reserve the date on your calendar, and appoint your organizational representatives."

Fee Stronger Now, Back at Desk Soon

William P. Fee, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council, is now sufficiently recovered from his recent operation to be able to drive his own car to and from the Kaiser Foundation hospital for treatment.

Secretary Robert S. Ash in reporting this to the delegates this week said that he believed Fee would be back on duty much sooner than originally expected.

ITU Leader Tells Printer Problems; Gives Pin Awards

Secretary-Treasurer Don Hurd of the International Typographical Union, whose talk to the Central Labor Council was reported in last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal, had other engagements which kept him busy while here on a visit to his home town.

On Saturday, October 8, he conferred with members of the union locals from Northern California at the Hotel Leamington. There were representatives present from San Francisco, Sacramento, San Jose, San Mateo, Martinez, Palo Alto, and other places, as well as from Oakland.

At this gathering Hurd discussed various actions of the recent convention of the international held in Boston.

That evening he attended the Progressive Open Forum of the Northern California Progressive Club, discussing ITU problems, and especially the coming AFL and CIO merger and the way it will affect the smaller international.

PINS PRESENTED

The following day Hurd attended the cocktail hour and dinner at the annual 40-50-60 year party of Typographical Local 36. At this, Hurd presented the emblems to the veteran members present.

While presenting the emblems to John Coe, Harry Gray, and Charles Burnham, 50-year members, and to Arthur W. Brown, Leo C. Grosse and Paul Pickruhl, 40-year members, Hurd commented that he had known and worked with the recipients many years.

Those not present to receive their membership emblems were 60-year member, S. P. "Jack" Woolen; 50-year members, Charles Cole and Henry Damon; 40-year member, Chester Brannham. Woolen, for many years a resident of the Union Home was presented with the 60-year emblem by Secretary Hurd.

This action came when Secretary Robert S. Ash read a letter from Violet K. Bogan, president of CWA Local 9415. Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, moved endorsement, and it was adopted without debate.

Miss Bogan in her letter asked for "your organization's official recognition of our picket lines, and a request to your member unions to give what assistance they can to our members seeking work."

She declared that the company's "offers discriminate between our groups in basic issues such as seniority and maintenance of work classes. In addition, the company's proposals on promotion and layoff procedures grant dictatorial powers to the employer. We do not intend to accept such contracts."

Supervisors Francis Dunn Jr. and Chester E. Stanley attended the dinner, as did Congressman George P. Miller, Municipal Judge Eddie Smith, Central Labor Council President John F. Quinn, and newspaper and job shop proprietors.

The party was attended by 385 members of Local 36, their wives and friends. County Supervisors Kent Pursell, E. P. Razo, and Leland W. Sweeney were present as guests at the cocktail party, but other engagements prevented their attendance at the dinner.

Office Employees 29 has asked the Central Labor Council that Benner Newman Inc., sheet metal firm, 3421 Hollis Street, be put on the We Don't Patronize list.

Business Representative Dick Groulx says that a majority of the girls employed in the office of the firm have signed up with the union, but that both the firm and Sam Axtell of United Employers, Inc., representing the firm, have been evading all steps normally leading to unionization.

Labor Council to Probe Operations Leading to Raid

The Central Labor Council this week adopted a recommendation of the executive committee that a special committee be appointed to look into the causes of the unfavorable publicity received last week when the Oakland police raided the basement clubrooms of the Labor Temple.

The special committee named by CLC President John F. Quinn includes Secretary Robert S. Ash; Al Brown, Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees 302; Tom Connor, Warehousemen 853; Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23; Frank DeMartini, Teamsters 70; John Ferro, Printing Specialties 823; Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2; Roy Woods, Hayward Quin 823; and President Quinn.

The special committee will also look into unfavorable comment said to have been received concerning methods used in the sale of space on advertising cards in the clubrooms.

Fourteen policemen went to the Labor Temple clubrooms Tuesday of last week and made 13 arrests. Alfred L. Fowler, manager of the building, was booked for conducting a card game without a permit and for gambling at cards in a public place.

Police Chief Vernon told the press that he ordered games to cease in the Temple June 3, that on September 8 Fowler came and asked him for permission to reopen games. Chief Vernon said he refused such permission.

The advertising cards in the clubrooms, and some business men have claimed that they were being "high pressured" by salesmen who take on the job of selling the space on commission.

Miami Beach Good News, But Labor's Boycott Continues

Central Labor Council President John F. Quinn this week at the meeting of that organization called attention to good news from the Miami Beach strike front, where for many weeks the AFL culinary crafts have been engaged in a struggle with the reactionary owners of the luxury hotels.

Following the signing of a contract with the union by one of the big hotels, another one, the Monte Carlo Hotel, signed. Union leaders said the signing of the Monte Carlo was especially significant because it was the first of 22 hotels on Miami Beach and Miami to be picketed.

The Monte Carlo is a member of the Miami Beach Hotel Association as are most of the other hotels in the dispute.

Two actions were taken by the council this week in the Miami Beach battle. One was to turn over to the CLC executive committee, with full power to act, recommendations received from the group of Northern California central bodies cooperating in plans for a general boycott by labor of Florida products because of the reactionary attitude of the Florida authorities in the Miami Beach struggle.

The second action was to request all affiliated unions to send back to the local Legion tickets sent by one of the posts of that organization, on the ground that in the face of persistent requests by labor, the Legion went ahead and held its annual convention at the struck hotels in Miami Beach.

NOTED GUESTS

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SENATOR MORSE of Oregon will be available to speak at a Central Labor Council meeting sometime after January, he has notified Secretary Robert S. Ash.

7-Hour Resolves Come to BTC; Stragglers Asked to Act Soon

Sixteen of the 44 local unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council have sent in resolutions endorsing the 7-hour day as a point to take up in their next negotiations. BTC Secretary John Davy announced at the meeting of the council this week.

President J. S. Miller said that the local unions which have so far failed to get the resolutions in should do so at once.

The Board of Business Agents has considered recommending to the council, when over half of the local unions have sent in the resolutions, that 10,000 buttons be purchased for building trades craftsmen to wear. The buttons, an inch and a half in diameter, would carry the wording "7-Hr. a Day" in black on fluorescent yellow background.

DELEGATES SEATED

James D. Wilson was seated as a delegate from Millwrights 102, and Harold A. Fischer from Carpenters 1473.

SHOPMEN MOVE

Structural Shopmen 491 notified the council the union office is moving from the Labor Temple to the new Machinists building, 701 - 13th street, effective October 24; telephone GLencourt 2-4700.

VETS' CHRISTMAS

Notice of a meeting of the Veterans Hospital Christmas Committee was referred to BTC Vice President Joe Pruss, for many years the council's representative on that committee.

ELEVATOR LOCAL SCALE

Leon A. Pascal, recording secretary, Elevator Construction Local 8, notified the council the new scale, effective October 16, advances mechanics from the former \$3.27 to \$3.38 an hour; helpers from the former \$2.29 to \$2.37; foremen from the former \$3.68 to \$3.80.

SCHOOL MEETING

Notice from the Alameda County School Trustees Association at San Lorenzo of a meeting to discuss school problems Saturday October 29 at Oakland Junior College was referred to BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers.

PUBLIC WORKS HEARINGS

Notice was received from the State BTC office of hearings to be held by State Labor Commissioner Edward Park on sections 1773.4 and 1773.5 of the State Labor Code, covering prevailing wage provisions for State public works projects. The first hearing will be held at 965 Mission street, San Francisco October 27; the second in the State building in Los Angeles October 28. Both hearings will commence at 10 a.m.

CRUSADE LUNCHEON

An invitation to Secretary Davy to attend a United Crusade luncheon for the military at the Lake Merritt Hotel October 22 was received.

WATER USERS ASSN.

A letter from State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Hagerty advising cooperation with the California Water & Power Users Association was noted.

INSURANCE

Another letter from Hagerty called attention to a resolution adopted by the State Federation convention urging all unions to purchase health and welfare insurance through companies whose agents are members of the AFL Insurance Agents Union.

OTTO P. JENSEN

Note was taken that Otto P. Jensen, general contractor, has signed a BTC agreement.

URBAN RENEWAL

An invitation to President Miller to attend an urban renewal luncheon was received.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The report of the trustees was read by Secretary Davy and accepted. The trustees were authorized to transfer all funds above \$10,000 to another bank so that they will be covered by Federal deposit insurance. The trustees are Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166; Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290; E. W. Mulgrew, Teamsters 70; S. A. Summers, Roofers 81; Louis Fuller, Carpenters 1622.

BY-LAWS

The Board of Business Agents reported that the council's revised constitution and by-laws as proposed by the Law & Legislative Committee had been studied, further modifications suggested, and referred to the committee.

3 JOBS PICKETED

Childers reported that three jobs were being picketed, with no construction work going on there for the time being; that one job where a nonunion plumber had been used was picketed 3 days.

ROOFING JOBS

Childers said that the nonunion American Sheet Metal & Roofing Co. was found doing a job, the owner of the building

Hunt Says Pattern For Apple Boycott Is Being Set Here

George Hunt, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, head of the Teamsters committee to cooperate with other unions in Alameda county on the boycott of processed apples from Sebastopol, said at the Central Labor Council this week:

"This council and the labor movement here is setting a pattern of success that will, I feel sure, be followed elsewhere. I can report to the officers of our international union that remarkable progress is being made here in the boycott."

Hunt said that under the plan as worked out by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, Food Clerks 870, and the Teamsters, the top officials of several chains have been visited by the union committee, and have given a very courteous reception to the committee.

"Many of them have agreed to notify their jobbers that they want no more of the Sebastopol products while the strike of the Cannery Workers there is in progress and while the boycott is on," said Hunt. "Again I wish to say to Secretary Ash and to Harris Wilkin and his associates of the Food Clerks how much I appreciate the cooperation they have given."

Hunt said that this whole business of encouraging consumer boycotts will become more important to organized labor in this area as industries move into States with "right to work" laws and begin producing nonunion goods with which they will try to flood California.

Ash earlier in the meeting had reported to the delegates that he had spent most of the week working on the boycott. He said that he had authorized the placing of pickets before Safeway stores on the assurance of the Western Cannery Council of the Teamsters that the Central Labor Council would be reimbursed.

Altogether, 22 pickets for as many Safeway stores have been authorized. Safeway has stuck to it that they're going to sell the goods of the struck apple processors regardless.

Print Specialties Sign 3-Year Pact With Dobeckmun's

Marshall Thorpe, Printing Specialties 382, reported to the Central Labor Council this week that the union has signed a 3-year contract with the Dobeckmun Company of Berkeley, manufacturers of cellophane and poly-ethylene bags and wraps.

The body of the contract is for three years, with 7 cents an hour across the board for all employees this year, an automatic 5-cent increase for all employees in October of 1956, and in October, 1957, an opening for wages and two fringe or cost items.

The effective date of the contract is October 1 of this year. Some classification rate adjustments effective this year range up to 20 cents per hour.

John Ferro, secretary-treasurer of Local 382, said that there is an improved seniority clause, and three days leave with pay in case of a death in the immediate family of a worker, an improvement in the shift premium clause and a much more liberal holiday qualification clause for temporarily laid off members.

The contract was negotiated by Thorpe and Ferro and a committee from the membership working in the plant.

Nixon's Okay With Governor Knight!

Special attention was called at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week to the State Federation of Labor's Newsletter of October 14, which contains a 3-page analysis of the bad labor voting record of Vice President Nixon when he was a member of legislative bodies.

Secretary Robert S. Ash said that this record was worth reading as there was sure to be much discussion of Nixon during the coming campaign.

Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, thereupon remarked that it was interesting to note in this connection that Governor Goody Knight, hero of some of the Federation leaders, had been quoted in that day's Chronicle as saying: "Nixon is all right with me if he's nominated. It depends on what the President's wishes are."

Labor Paper Building In Washington Goes Out

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—A long-standing labor landmark on Capitol Hill will soon become a victim of the expansion of Government.

It is the home of "Labor", influential weekly newspaper of the railroad unions, which has been situated on Independence Ave., just across the street from the halls of Congress.

The building will be razed, after more than 30 years of service to the newspaper, to make room for the erection of a new House Office building.

Ruben Levin, editor of the paper, said its offices and those of the Railway Labor Executives Association will be moved temporarily to the new District of Columbia Dairy Workers Building at 3rd and D Streets, N. W. The presses and the mechanical force will be housed at the plant of Ransdell, Inc., printers of many labor publications.

Funeral of Mrs. Bowers, Food Clerk Member, Held

The funeral of Alice Bowers, for years a member of Food Clerks 870, was held yesterday from Cooper's Fruitvale funeral parlors.

Mrs. Bowers is survived by her husband, C. M. Bowers, and by a son and daughter.

Her brother, W. J. Bassett, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, attended the funeral.

OAKLAND BANK OF COMMERCE reports new highs in deposits, loans and in total resources. Deposits increased \$6,348,761.52 to \$49,838,843.68, a gain of 14.6% over deposit figures reported a year ago.

HOW TO BUY

High Price of Low-Suds Fractured
By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Families who wash their own clothes can now sing the praises of competition. The high cost of low-sudsing or controlled-suds detergents, now widely-used in automatic washing machines, is being fractured by the appearance of some competitors for ALL, which up to now dominated this field. Until recently, if you wanted a low-sudsing detergent, you paid 37 to 39 cents for a 24-ounce package of ALL, or \$5.49 for a 25-pound container. Or you could buy Spin, another low-sudsing detergent, at generally a couple of cents less for the small package, than ALL. So the cost came to as much as nine cents a cupful—a real expense in a large family doing frequent washes.

Now there are at least three more brands of low-sudsing detergents on the market, at least two at significantly lower prices, and the manufacturer of ALL itself is now offering special prices. Among the new low-sudsing detergents are AD; Co-Op Controlled Suds Detergent sold by the Eastern cooperatives, and Spring. The new Co-Op controlled suds detergent sells for \$4.49 for 25 pounds, and is very similar to ALL in performance. Spring sells at \$4.50 for 25 pounds depending on where you buy it.

Both ALL and AD now come in concentrated and lighter densities. You use more of the lighter-density than of the concentrated type, so the actual cost-per-load is about the same for either. The chief real difference between the two types is psychological. As with all detergents, women tend to use too much, so the manufacturers are offering the lighter-density type as a way of offsetting this tendency.

With more competition on the market, ALL is now sold at anywhere from \$4.95 for the 25-pound package, to \$5.49. Perhaps the least expensive way to buy it is from laundrettes. They buy ALL in bulk, and many of them for some time have been selling it at around \$5 for 20 pounds if you bring your own container. It pays to do this, unless you buy the 25-pound package, because the saving is about 16 percent over the price of ALL in this small one-pound package or even the 10-pound package.

But for families who have access to co-op stores carrying the new co-op detergent, the saving is even larger.

Even at cut prices, low-sudsing detergents are costlier than the standard heavy-duty detergents, and in the opinion of many women, don't wash heavily-soiled garments as cleanly as the "built" or heavy detergents like Tide, Breakwater, Fab, Surf and Sail. But in some types of automatic washers, these heavy detergents have caused problems because they suds too much. The heavy suds slow down the washing action.

FEDERAL JOB INJURIES hit an all-time low last year with 7.7 disabling injuries per million manhours worked. The record low for employees for private manufacturing plants is 11.5.

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State AFL Backing Teachers' Unions

This year California took the lead in education. It became the top state in the nation in school population. It is particularly fitting that the same year if California should bring about the most significant development in the support of public education since the inauguration of free public schools in America.

This development was the action of the California State Federation of Labor at the August convention declaring that "The improvement of salaries and working conditions of teachers sufficient to insure an adequate supply of qualified teachers is dependent upon their organization into bona fide unions" and urging "intensified activity on the part of local unions and labor councils in assuming a greater responsibility in the day-to-day operation of our public school system."

Seriousness of the Federation's determination to take a hand in the support of public education is evident in the fact that three of the eight roll call votes reported in the state senate as a basis for judging legislators voting record were votes on AFT measures as was one of the fifteen reported in the Assembly.

Importance of this new stand is not conjectural. It will bring about a re-evaluation of policies on the part of school administrators and governing boards. In the past they have been compelled to bow to an articulate minority concerned primarily with school costs and taxation. Now they are faced with the possibility of dealing with an organized majority concerned primarily with the effectiveness of public education.—San Bernardino Teacher.

AFL Takes Active Role in the Chest

"A. F. of L. members have made significant gains this year as active participants in planning community health and welfare programs and in leadership posts in local Community Chest and United Fund drives."

This was pointed out by Matthew Wolf, First Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor and Chairman of the A. F. of L.'s National Community Relations Committee.

"We see A. F. of L. people heading up newly formed industrial and building trades divisions in Chest and Fund campaigns," said Wolf. "They are on committees working toward better community living. Most important of all, thousands are serving as volunteers for these United Community Campaigns." "Four additional A. F. of L. members have been appointed to staffs of local Chest and Fund organizations in various sections of the country this year. These men are administratively responsible to the local Chest or United Fund director and are responsible for interpreting the Chest or Fund program and its agencies to the working people in their cities," Vice-President Wolf explained.

"Community leaders in health and welfare are becoming increasingly aware that labor is a major influence in any community and to receive support from labor it is necessary to invite its members to participate in the planning and direction of a community project," he said.

"FEDERAL POWER Commission has slammed the door on the public interest in its latest Hells Canyon decision denying a rehearing of the case," Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) asserted in Portland.

AFL CHEMICAL WORKERS ended a four-month strike against two phosphate plants of the International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, agreeing to a new contract calling for a 10½-cent-an-hour package wage increase, at Bartow, Fla.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

OUR WORLD TODAY has many trades, occupations and professions unheard of a couple of decades ago. Among these is the new, yet not new, profession of baby-sitting.

Babies are not new, nor is the custom of having some adult, or near-adult with them, a new idea. But in the past a member of the family, aunt, grandmother, sister, cousin, was usually available.

After the last war, however, there was a bumper crop of babies and an unprecedented amount of moving about on the part of our whole population. This left many families with young children stranded among strangers.

Well, young folks have to go out, or think they do. They can't leave young children alone. And so, they fell into the habit of hiring some young girl, or perhaps some older woman to stay with the children while they were gone.

This has now become a settled custom. Baby-sitters' wages are now a recognized part of the budget.

And now the Child Study Association of America has published a folder called a "Handy Guide for Parents and Baby-Sitters." In addition to this, the National Safety Council has produced a 16mm film on the subject.

The Child Study folder tells parents how to instruct and handle a sitter. It also tells the sitter what is expected of her.

Some sitters are older women, grandmothers, even. These need little instruction on how to handle the small fry.

But many, many sitters are young girls knowing very little about children and their wants and needs. These need more instruction than many parents seem to realize.

The important thing is for parents to check carefully the background and qualifications of anyone they engage to care for their children. A lot of the troubles that arise are due to the carelessness of parents in engaging and instructing a sitter.

And it still remains true that the best baby sitters for youngsters are their very own parents!

Child-rearing

Popular Book

One of the most popular books ever written came out this year in a snappy tenth edition, and the good news from the Government is:

The cost of bringing up a baby by this method is going down—by a nickel. The price of the Government booklet, "Infant Care," has been cut from 20 to 15 cents.

This is not likely to send sales zooming, because that is what they have been doing ever since the booklet first came out in 1914. In these forty-one baby-filled years, 35,000,000 copies have been distributed.

For comparison with this perennial best-seller, here are some random titles from the Government:

"Postage Stamps of the United States," at 65 cents, 879,000 copies sold.

"What You Should Know About Biological Warfare," 10 cents, 379,000 copies.

"Making Cellars Dry," 15 cents, 133,000 copies.

"Pointers for Making Lawns," 5 cents, 132,000 copies.

"The Nuremberg Trials," a surprisingly popular item considering its subject and size. All 5,000 sets were sold, at \$18 an eight-volume set.

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Magazine Contains Article on Meany

An article titled "America's Top Laborite: George Meany" in October Readers Digest gives many little-known facts about the head of the American Federation of Labor.

Meany was born into both unionism and politics. His father, Mike Meany, of Irish extraction and with an Irish love of mingling with people, was a Democratic precinct captain and president of a plumbers local. In 1910 George married Eugenia McMahon, who worked in a Bronx dress factory and was an ardent member of the garment workers' union. Soon he became active in his own union's affairs. At the age of 28, he was business agent of N. Y. Plumbers Local 463.

When George became president of the New York State Federation of Labor, he displayed the consequences of his inherited familiarity with politics. In his first year in his new office he persuaded the New York State Legislature to enact 75 new labor laws. His successes in New York made him secretary-treasurer, in 1939, of the AFL in Washington. In 1952, at the age of 58, he became its president.

The article points out that while Meany was fighting the battles of labor against employers, he was also busy in combating Communism on both the local and the international scene. He has labored mightily to clean out corruption and violence from labor's ranks. In 1953 the AFL expelled the International Longshoremen's Association and revoked its charter. The AFL has taken decisive action to eliminate abuses in welfare fund administration, and has recommended strong regulation of welfare fund operations by federal and state governments.

Through his knowledge of labor history, Meany demonstrated the viciousness of raiding by another. His handling of negotiations led to the merger agreement between the AFL and CIO.

Health and Poise

Home Dangers

Home is potentially the most dangerous place a person can be in. Five million Americans may be injured there this year and, by 1975, home accidents may affect 7,000,000 of them. These figures were presented at a conference on safer living held recently in New York.

A panel discussion centered on why staying at home was so much more dangerous than going to work or driving a car, and what might be done to change this fact.

Attitudes may have much to do with home hazards, one panel discussion concluded. The homemaker does not have the "safety philosophy" that protects the factory worker, commented C. Russell de Reamer, consultant on safety services for the General Electric Company. Instead, because she considers accidents inevitable, he said, she does not make a conscious effort to avoid them.

Other factors were suggested by Alfred Lowell Moseley, a consulting psychologist. The housewife (statistically more susceptible to injury than her husband) may have accidents because she is fatigued by long hours and overwork, because she is bored or because she believes that an injury will create sympathy and revive her husband's waning interest.

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

HANDWRITING FOUNDATION was set up, as you might guess, in this cheerfully commercial age of ours, by pen, pencil, and stationery concerns. But apparently it serves a very useful purpose, because it keeps reminding people that the hand was invented before the typewriter, and that we still need to make an effort to write legibly. The foundation will send you free a booklet, entitled "The Second R" if you're interested. All you have to do is write and ask for it:

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The present writer—if he can still call himself a writer, his handwriting has gotten to be so bad!—is going to send for it, and see if it will help to buck him up a little to relearn how to handwrite.

MOTHERS might send for the free booklet to get some clues on teaching, or helping to teach, their children, to write legibly.

Gavin G. Carig, president of the International Association of Master Penmen and Teachers of Handwriting, thinks the subject is so important that there should be 30 minutes a day devoted to it in schools all through the first 8 grades.

One teacher of handwriting at the foundation's most recent session said that an hour a week is the most that is allotted to it in many schools.

SIGNATURES, strangely enough, are what most people write the most illegibly. The editor of this paper often receives letters every word of which he can make out except the all important signature.

A good rule on this, if you can't or won't write your signature legibly, is to let it be as well as "sign" it. This would make the lives of editors more pleasant.

Plumbers, Steamfitters Receiving Certificates For Nuclear Training

The U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship announces that 257 members of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 159 A.F.L., Richmond, will receive certificates from John Hutchinson, Coordinator of Labor Programs, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, for successfully completing a training course on the subject of Nuclear Energy.

This was the first improvement training program ever conducted in the United States dealing with "Nuclear Energy and Its Application to the Pipe Trades Industry". The cooperation and assistance given by John Hutchinson in presenting this series of lectures was greatly appreciated, says the bureau's press release.

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LAW IN ACTION

JUDGE AND JURY
A judge presides impartially over a court to settle disputes between two parties.

As a rule, a jury is twelve persons sworn to decide the facts as proved from the evidence before them.

The judge (or court) decides questions of law which arise in the trial such as proper procedure and what may be put in evidence. The judge states to the jury the law which applies to the points raised in the case.

The jury resolves disputes over the facts in favor of one party or the other. It takes into account several factors:

1. Which witnesses to believe,
2. The weight of the evidence in proving certain facts,
3. The weight of particular facts in swaying the balance in favor of one party.

While the law sets no certain sum for the winning party, the jury decides how much damage may be awarded, with one restriction: It may not set an unreasonably high figure as to overpay the winner. If the jury does,

the judge may cut the figure down. A judge decides when a given fact must be settled one way or another, and he has the jury make the decision. But sometimes a reasonable man could draw only one conclusion from the evidence. If so, the judge himself may "direct" the jury how to make its verdict.

At any rate, you as a juror are judge of the facts:

Suppose Gardner sues Walker claiming that he saw Walker climb his fence one night and take away his prize radishes. But Walker says on that night he took a long stroll. Besides, next day he found that somebody had taken his prize petunias. He thinks the same vandal uprooted both.

Reasonable men might differ about these two stories, and the judge asks the jury to decide between them. He might say:

1. "If you find that Mr. Walker went into Mr. Gardner's land and pulled up and carried away his radishes, then Mr. Walker is liable for the damage done."
2. "But, if you find that Mr. Walker did not, then he is not liable."

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

Teachers Union Shows How the Boss-Dominated Schools Group Operates

The California Federation of Teachers has issued a pamphlet contrasting its attitudes and the attitudes of the California Teachers Association toward legislation in Sacramento.

The CTA admits administrators to membership, while the CFT is an AFL organization, and includes only classroom teachers.

The record is traced, bill by bill, for the last session of the Legislature.

Under the heading of Fair Labor Practices, for example, there is cited AB-2220, introduced by Assemblyman Masterson, Democrat, Contra Costa. This bill declared it to be the policy of the State of California that administrators and school boards shall not intimidate, coerce, or interfere with teachers for exercising their right to join any teachers' organization, association, or union.

The administrator-dominated California Teachers Association opposed the bill, contending that school administrators do not coerce nor intimidate teachers to prevent them from joining unions. The California Teachers Federation argued that many teachers are pressured to join organizations controlled by their employers, and teachers fear they will be fired for joining the Teachers Union.

The bill passed the Legislature, but was pocket-vetoed by Governor Knight.

John L. Gets \$2, Says Miners Eat Money, Not Wind, Water, or Marxism

John L. Lewis, armed with those famous bushy eyebrows, the skill of a boxer and the power of a slugger, plus enough polysyllabic diction to scare a coal owner to death, recently obtained a \$2 a day raise for his miners in a new contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association. John L.'s characteristic statement after signing the contract was in part as follows:

"This agreement is sane and in the public interest. . . It will not oppress coal consumers, nor yet expose the brittle bones of the coal operators to the icy blasts of the coming winter. It is devoid of Marxian babble, and contains no wind or water. It is based upon the economics of a modernized industry."

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Jack Lloyd of Painters 127 Passes

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Seems as though in the last few weeks we have been reporting bad news and good news. This week is no different. A great many of the older brothers will be sorry to hear of the death of brother Jack Lloyd who passed away in San Jose, California on October 13th from a heart attack which was sudden. Brother Lloyd with whom your scribe worked with many years ago was retired employee of the University of California where he worked for the past many years. Funeral was held on Monday, October 17th from the Nutman Funeral Parlor in San Jose where brother Lloyd and his wife have lived since his retirement. The officers and members of the local extend their deepest sympathies to the family of our departed brother Jack Lloyd, born February 2, 1885, died October 13, 1955.

While visiting the gang up at the U. C. last week your scribe and brother Peaslee noted in particular the changes brought about during the past few years. The old guard Dewar, McAdams, Shepherd, Murray, Maloney, Doyle, Lloyd, all gone and new faces. Wheeler soon reaching retirement, Zeh present superintendent and Al Adams, Breining, Parish, Godin moving up makes one think that time marches on.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Bay Area Welfare Fund today (Tuesday) it was decided that the panel list of those Physicians and Surgeons who agree to work under the terms of the plan will go to print on November 18th. Again we request the brothers to ask your private physician if he desires to be placed on the panel. If he is interested in this matter just give us his name and phone number and the trustees will contact him and explain the plan. The main requirement will be that he will not charge extra for services rendered. As no doubt

the panel will mean more patients for those on the panel a good many names will be submitted. The new welfare booklet are now available in the office.

We still have a good many more calls in the office for men than we are able to furnish. This is good news and we hope it will continue from now on.

Another piece of good news is our 56th Annual Entertainment and Dance to be held Saturday evening at the Leamington Hotel, 19th and Franklin Streets, Oakland. Tickets are \$2.50 each and are now available in the office. This price includes the full course dinner, and hour and fifteen minute top floor show and then dancing until 2 a.m. Better plan on attending this gala affair.

Heard by the grape-vine that Spissou Beguhl returned to work yesterday. Brother McAdams still in the Army Hospital. Brother NewMarker in Providence. Brother Nussbaum planning on attending our Dinner Dance on the 12th. Brother Nussbaum has been home ill for the past few years and is the only remaining charter member of the local having signed the original charter. Brother Cavanaugh would have been a charter member but they would not accept him at that time being too young but they did register him, which just about puts him in that category. Brother McLennan still in the rest home, on Fruitvale Avenue.

The round the plank forums held by the painters on Tuesday nights after the Building Trades getting hotter and hotter. Popularity, guess we better stay with the \$64,000 question or look for a doubloon. With a handful of sand would accomplish more.

See you next week at the meeting on the 27th and better get your tickets.

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

Theater Workers Advised on Crusade

By JOE CONNELLY

In response to several inquiries and in anticipation of the local stand on contributions to the United Crusade.

As in the past, we concur in the aims and objectives of the current contribution campaign being conducted by the United Crusade. We have had an opportunity to view first hand some of the functions of the various organizations that comprise the United Crusade. This applies to members of organized labor in general and our own local in particular.

However, we object to having management set arbitrary goals, and we believe that the giver is best qualified to determine the amount of the gift.

Therefore if any of our members feel that undue pressure is being exerted by any manager or their representatives in this respect, we request that such action be reported to the business office at your earliest convenience.

We do not believe that the United Crusade directorship intends to work a hardship on any individual in order to assist another individual, and consequently we will take the matter up with the labor representatives of the United Crusade, as well as the employers involved.

Up and down the aisle... Business taking a nosedive at the Roxie, resulting in the elimination of the assistant manager's berth, formerly held down by George Ebey. Louis Licalsi moving from the door of the same house to the Ritz down in Hayward. Veteran candy coun-

ter attendant Lorraine Kelly and head usherette, Juanita Morris handing in their notice to go to work for "Awful Fresh" MacFarlane Candy Co. Barbara Walsh moving from the Roxie floor to the Paramount... Speaking of the Paramount, that great hunter and veteran doorman Harry Gensler after bagging a deer is now out looking for ducks... FLASH... Just as we were winding up this column, we received a phone call from Secretary-Treasurer Sutherland of the California State Theatrical Federation informing us that the employers have promised to call today (Friday) to make a definite appointment relative to resuming negotiations.

Freedom Agenda Theme Of Women Voters League

The League of Women Voters of Oakland, with Mrs. Malca Chall as chairman, has given over the month of October to discussions on the Freedom Agenda, a national program of the League of Women Voters, according to Mrs. Paul Blosser, president of the Oakland League.

The Freedom Agenda encompasses topics on Freedom of Bill of Rights and our Individual Speech and Press; the Constitution and Loyalty Programs; the Liberties; Constitutional Liberty and Seditious Activity; Where From; and Individual Liberty, U.S.A.

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Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Our next meeting will be called to order Friday evening, October 21st.

At the October 7 meeting the date of our Christmas Party was selected. More about this by way of U. S. Mail and the Journal later.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Teamsters Union, Local 70

Notice to all members: The regular monthly meetings will be resumed on Thursday, October 27 at Teamsters Union Hall, 826 West Street starting at 8:00 p.m.

Yours fraternally,
FRANK A. DEMARTINI,
Secretary-Treasurer

Machinist Auxiliary Resumes Meets

By OLIVE M. HARVEY
Press Correspondent

First meeting in October called to order by President Opal Lawrence. The meeting was short as there was very little business to attend to and the attendance was not too good.

Members: now that vacation is over and everyone is back to normal again, how about trying to come to meeting at least once a month? Our next meeting will be taken over by the Past Presidents. The last meeting night in October is always their night and they fill the stations and put on the work. May even have initiation this time so try and be there to see how well they do.

Sister Mary Conyers who has been a member for nearly thirty two years passed away last week. She had been ill for some time so was not active in our work. Our sympathy to her family.

Our President Opal who has not been feeling so well the past few weeks goes into the hospital for a complete checkup Monday. We are all keeping our fingers crossed and hoping it is nothing serious.

Our Conductress Florence Meade is in Merritt Hospital. She had a major surgery last Friday. The last report I have is that she is doing as well as can be expected.

At our last meeting we had a very interesting lecture regarding cancer. We should all give heed to what the speaker, Mr. Ed Merritt discussed.

Sister Gladys and Brother Harry Lear are definitely unhappy. Their son Mike, who is in the Navy, was transferred to Treasure Island for home base and after being here a week was transferred to San Diego. Need I say more.

We had a very nice time at the get-together at Sister Nellie Blanford's home on her birthday. The attendance was good and so were the sandwiches and delicious cakes and coffee. We all had fun.

The Past Presidents had a very enjoyable evening at Sister Eva Gallaher's last Friday.

Good eats too which were served by her Sister Mildred. Next meeting at Sister Evelyn Gerhold's home.

Patronize the Union Label and Buy Bonds.

Organized labor in the state sent representatives to the regional conferences and 12 to the general state meeting. The labor groups are on record for higher teacher salaries and immediate steps to relieve overcrowding of school rooms.

J. F. Friedrich, general secretary of the Milwaukee Federated Teachers Council, was named by Gov. Walter Kohler to attend the White House parley.

The Teachers Supply and Demand committee at the Milwaukee session recommended that "considerable effort be made to raise salaries significantly in the middle years of experience and that the maximum potential of teachers' salaries be increased markedly."

"Salary is of primary importance in the retention of good teachers and must be at a high enough level to not only insure that competent teachers remain in our schools, but also to attract persons of quality into the profession."

Salaries were compared as follows: Teachers, \$3,725. Dentists, \$7,820. Lawyers, \$8,730. Doctors, \$13,432.

DISABLED VETERANS' communication on the annual paper flower sale of that organization was on a letterhead not bearing the union label, it was noted at the Central Labor Council meeting. Following the established rule, it was accordingly not read.

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Up the Ladder With Painters 40

Painters Local 40 Has 20th Birthday

By BEN RASNIK

Twenty years ago this month Local No. 40 held their first regular meeting at Ashby Hall, Berkeley. Elections were held and the first duly elected officers of our Local were as follows:

President, Joe Lavelle; Vice President, Carl Stromberg; Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary, J. R. Plummer; Treasurer, L. W. Tyrell; Conductor, Frank Stenberg; Warden, Robert Ohman; 3 Trustees, E. Snauling, H. V. Ardahl, and L. T. Haugrens. The attendance of the 33 charter members that night has grown to a number approximating 500. Of the original 33 charter members, 5 are still with us. They are our Treasurer, Frank Stenberg, our Conductor, Ole Lindberg, H. V. Ardahl, Albin Johnson, and Arvid Johnson.

Those brothers who have passed on need no memorial of metal or stone, for by using their experiences and adding our own we build upon the foundation they left. Yes, a living memorial! The embryo idea they so carefully nurtured, feds by the continued efforts of organized labor. Reaching maturity, it will break the bonds of poverty and servility; and every laboring person will find they have the capacity to freely enjoy, with honor, the fruits of their labor.

Space does not permit me to single out the individual accomplishments from the united efforts of our membership, but as in the past, the officers and members of Local No. 40 will do their utmost to continue to be a vitalizing factor in the future progress of organized labor.

We have the new Welfare Plan booklets in the office now. Since there have been many changes beneficial to both members and dependents, I would advise all the brothers to get one as soon as possible.

I have been chosen as custodian of our Local's Blood Bank, and acting in that capacity, I will make a report to the membership at our next regular meeting, October 28, 1955.

Work is still holding up very well, with more calls for men than we can fill. By all indications it should remain so for quite a while.

Fourth quarter dues are now due and payable. Dues and insurance total \$16.05. Come early to avoid the rush.

THE INJURY RATE in manufacturing rose 5 percent in the second quarter of 1955, the Labor Department reported, with 11.6 disabling injuries reported for each million man-hours worked, compared to 11.1 in the previous quarter.

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Editor, Labor Journal:

It is with profound gratitude and deep humility, that we in the southern end of Alameda County acknowledge, the wonderful financial support, we received from the great majority of affiliated unions. We recognize the fact that perhaps in many instances it was not too easy to get past the trustees, but labor won out and our whist party is a tremendous financial success.

We hope that with the money received we will justify the trust placed in the future of the Southern Alameda County Voters League A. F. L. and we will continue to strive to support public officials who can do the most for organized labor.

In closing we like to remind all individuals who have tickets to the Whist Party to be held in the I.D.E.S. Hall October 22nd at 8:00 P.M. in Hayward on Foothill Blvd. and "C" Streets, to come and take home some of the wonderful prizes donated by local merchants.

Again thanking one and all we respectfully remain,

Fraternally Yours,
ANDRE N. LA ROCHE
Chairman

40% 'WAGE' BOOST

What would the headlines be if a union went on strike for a 40 percent wage increase? Wow! They would probably use six inch type and two colors of ink. But that's the size of increase in earnings that corporations are enjoying according to early reports for the first six months of 1955. Such news is buried back by the want ads or on the financial page however—Valley Labor Citizen (Fresno.)

UNCOMMON MAN

In an age enamored of skills, techniques and mechanical shortcuts toward a competent life, we shall maintain the creative and generating power of liberal learning broadly conceived. Our position is based firmly on the rock of our confidence in the uncommon man and our conviction that without him our democracy will wither and die.—President H. W. Dodds of Princeton University.

WHAT'S TOO BIG?

"Monopoly" was the reaction of some commentators to the proposed merger of the AFL and CIO. They pictured domination of the nation's political and economic life by "big labor." Just a few months ago, when a Chicago court dismissed the government's anti-trust proceedings against DuPont, the same oracles hailed the decision as proving that there was no danger to the nation's economy in "bigness" of business.—Chicago Federation News.

NOBODY HOME!

An attorney was cross-examining a witness in a lawsuit in Ashland, Ky.

"You say you called at the house of Mrs. Jones. Tell the jury just what she said."

"I object to the question," said the opposing attorney. "It is misleading and irrelevant."

After considerable argument, the judge allowed the question.

"Nothing," said the witness. "She wasn't at home."—Associated Press.

YOU BET!

The Machinist opines. Folks who think our jokes are rough. Would quickly change their views. If they'd compare the ones we run. With the ones we're afraid to use.

EDITORIALS

More Forgers in Alameda Co., More Murderers in S. F.

During 1954 the crime of forgery was on the increase in all areas of the State except in Alameda county.

That is only one of the many interesting facts cited in "Crime in California 1954: issued some time ago from the office of Attorney General Edmund C. Brown.

One very unpleasant fact which emerges is that of the 392 "not justifiable" homicides listed in 1954, 28 of the victims were children under 14 years of age, 15 of these being boys, and 13 girls. There were 23 between 15 and 19 years of age, 13 of these being boys and 10 girls. So the total of persons from babyhood to 19 who were victims of "not justifiable" homicide was 51.

Going by the big headlines Oakland Tribune runs seemingly almost daily about some terrible murder in East Bay you'd think the homicide rate for Alameda and Contra Costa counties was something terrific, far beyond anything in San Francisco, which of course has now a smaller population than the two East Bay counties mentioned, or even than Alameda county alone. Yet the figures don't bear this out.

In Alameda county during 1954 there were just 50 homicides, and in Contra Costa county just 4, so that's a total of 54 homicides in the year for the two counties the Trib most industriously covers.

Well, then how about San Francisco with its smaller population? Answer: in 1954 there were 112 homicides reported in San Francisco. That's a whole lot more than twice as many as in the two East Bay counties cited.

But although Alameda county showed less increase in forgery and check crimes than other parts of the State, heaven knows it seems to have been time there was a slackening of the increase, for while San Francisco had only 554 forgery and check cases reported in 1954, Alameda county had 2,255! That was the only felony for which more cases were reported in this county than in San Francisco.

In short, you're more likely to get gypped by a bad check writer or forger in Alameda county than in San Francisco, but you're more likely to get murdered or assaulted or burglarized in San Francisco.

Of course, this report from the Attorney General's office is subjected to a great deal more expert analysis than these random comments have resulted from. But at least it's interesting to know that every time you see the Trib splash an Alameda county or Contra Costa county murder in big headlines, there are twice that many being committed in San Francisco.

Wallace Had The Idea

Henry A. Wallace comes very near being the most forgotten man in American politics, and to some extent for very sound reasons. But when, just about Labor Day, it was announced that there were 65½ millions of people at work in the United States, some of us really should have remembered Henry for a moment.

It had been just 10 years before, in 1945, that Wallace published a book entitled "Sixty Million Jobs." It was a program for full employment which, Wallace maintained, would give us by 1950 an economy providing 60 million jobs and a national output of goods and services of \$200 billions.

When the book was published, some of the same people who had told Wallace that his idea for trying to help the farmer were crazy got very busy telling him that, with only 53 millions holding civilian jobs that year of 1945, it was preposterous to think that by 1950 there would be 60 millions at work and a national output of \$200 billions. When 1950 came around there were 53 millions at work, which missed Wallace's mark, of course, though he might have pointed out that not all his ideas for reaching his mark were put into effect. But by that same 1950 his goal for that year of \$200 billions national production of goods and services had not only been reached, but passed the actual figure was \$215 billions.

Moreover, some of the methods of Government which Wallace advocated have been put into effect, and are now accepted as commonplace. The Full Employment Act sets every Administration the task of aiming for a high mark of economic achievement, and keeps the whole country conscious of the goal.

It should be added that on the agricultural side the ideas of Henry A. Wallace and Franklin D. Roosevelt don't seem so irrelevant to the GOP as they once did. The old Republican idea was that if you just let the farmers produce themselves to economic death, everything would be all right. Now they are running around frantically trying to figure what to do about agriculture. They begin to learn that Wallace was grappling with a real problem, not an imaginary one.

When we said that Wallace was getting to be a forgotten man, we failed to remember at the moment that Westbrook Pegler has never forgiven Wallace for being interested in religion. Almost as often as Pegler hurls mud and worse at the tomb of Franklin D. Roosevelt, or vile insults at that grand lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, he digs up the fact that Henry A. Wallace was interested in religious ideas in which Pegler was uninterested. So Wallace isn't forgotten, after all, though living in the kinks of the brain of Westbrook Pegler is a strange and unpleasant kind of immortality.

VICE PRESIDENT NIXON deserves credit for expressing public disapproval of the action of Harold Zellerbach, president of the San Francisco Art Commission, in ordering a cartoon withdrawn from the Art Festival in that city because it pilloried Nixon. The Vice President was acting in the sound American tradition when he insisted on "the right of individuals to criticize public officials." (And we might add that we're acting in the same sound American tradition when we praise Tricky Dicky for something he did which deserves praise. Boy, it was hard work, but we did it!)

EAST BAY UNITED CRUSADE reported Tuesday that \$300,431, more than 16% of its \$1,819,700 goal had been collected by that date. Labor is interested in seeing to it that the remaining 84% is collected. Labor families are among those receiving the benefits of Crusade funds.

'The Geneva Spirit'



Walker Co. Says Welfare Plan of the Lathers Is Proving Successful

A recently inaugurated statewide pooling plan for health and welfare trust funds in the lathing industry in California is a big step in overcoming problems faced by "small" plans and particularly by building trades groups, declares a press release issued by David H. Walker, San Francisco group insurance consultant.

Walker says he recently returned from New York City where he explained novel features of the plan before a special committee of the International Convention of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Unions.

His firm, the David H. Walker Company, was retained by the insurance committee of the California State Council of Lathers to develop the program and continues as its broker-consultant.

Name given the pooling arrangement is the Lathing Industry Insurance Plan for California. Its significance, stated Walker, lies in the fact that it enables separate trust funds, without losing their independent status, to join in a plan underwritten by a single insurance company and embracing certain reciprocal features.

Under the plan, he continued, workers will be able to change employers within the industry and state with the knowledge that the same rules for "qualifying" will apply and that they can carry their time or work credits with them to the new job so that there is no lapse in the protection afforded them and their families. This is accomplished through uniform eligibility requirements, and these are now being worked out by the trust funds in the pooling agreement.

U. S. SUPREME COURT will tackle a heavy docket of labor cases during its fall term.

AFL Editors Will Gather at Fresno

The state AFL's sixth annual labor press conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20, in Fresno, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty said the annual conference will be sponsored jointly by the State Federation and the University of California.

All sessions will be held in the Hotel Fresno in the downtown area of the San Joaquin Valley city.

Major theme of the 1955 conference will be "Public Relations and the Labor Movement."

Orders Covering Minors And Women in Industry Move Toward Reopening

The California Industrial Welfare Commission has adopted a resolution to request funds for reopening all the Industrial Welfare Commission Orders.

These orders regulate the wages, hours and working conditions for employed women and minors in California. The minimum wage of seventy-five cents per hour now provided in the orders was set in 1952.

The Industrial Welfare Commission Orders apply to almost all the employed women in the state.

Democratic Card Party Wednesday, October 26

A card party, with whist, canasta, and prizes, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, at the Democratic County Central Committee headquarters, 2105 MacArthur boulevard. This is a fund-raiser for the party, and admission is 50 cents.

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Four Assemblymen of Alameda County Blamed For Vote by Teachers

The Oakland Federation of Teachers in a recent bulletin criticizes Assemblymen Bee, Dahl, Dickey, and Lincoln for voting during the last session of the Legislature in favor of SB 1391.

This bill, backed by the California Teachers Association, which the Federation of Teachers considers a company union, reduced the number of cities in which probationary teachers can demand a hearing before the board of education if they are dismissed.

Under the former law a probationary teacher in any city having an average daily attendance of 60,000 could demand such a hearing. Under the bill for which the Assemblymen mentioned are criticized for voting, the average daily attendance requirement was raised to 85,000 to qualify a city's probationary teachers for the right to a hearing. Only San Francisco and Los Angeles meet the new figure.

Oakland, the Federation of Teachers points out, now has an average daily attendance of over 59,000, so soon would have entered the 60,000 figure formerly a requisite.

The Federation of Teachers bulletin says:

"Byron Rumford stands out as the lone Alameda county legislator to vote to give Oakland probationary teachers a right to a hearing."

ARGENTINE LABOR developments indicate that the re-violating a no-strike clause. The organization of the trade union movement will be left to the initiative of the rank and file.

Teamsters' Washington Letter in Predictions On Five Major Subjects

The Teamsters' Washington Letter which was put out shortly before President Eisenhower fell ill, contained the following predictions:

1—The cost of living will be the same a year from now as it is today despite this year's boost in wages. Man-hour productivity increases and continuing high profits will absorb the wage raises.

2—Eisenhower will be re-elected, as we've predicted time and again, but Democrats will take Congress—both House and Senate. The Democrats can't upset Eisenhower without an issue in the Midwest. Public vs. private power is no issue there and farmers still have it pretty good despite 6% income drop. Possibility of war might be big enough, but uncertain peace seems with us. No other issue looms in near future.

3—Both parties will campaign on the "prosperity" issue in 1956. GOP speakers will follow Vice President Nixon's instructions to tell the people they "never had it so good." Democrats will claim Big Business has been "particularly favored." First such Democratic barrage says corporations have increased "take-home" pay 16% while workers' take-home is up only 1%. Also claims food processors' profits are up 17%, farmers' share of consumers' dollar down 6%.

4—Stevenson will not be nominated. Within Democratic party, Stevenson is still tops despite coolness in many quarters. Real struggle is between Steve Mitchell, former National Committee chairman and Carmine DeSapio, Tammany Boss, for control of Democratic Party. We think DeSapio will win and Stevenson will lose.

5—Congress will pass a new highway bill. Before World War II there were 32-million registered automobiles, busses and trucks.

This year the number is 61,301,000 and the Department of Commerce says its will reach 81,000,000 by 1965.

The Department expects a 10 percent increase in Florida, followed by 7.1 percent in Texas, Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, and North Carolina will have increase of between 6 and 7 percent.

Also the economy may need some public-works soon.

AFL ON BOARD

President of the Association is George Sehlmeier of Sacramento, who is also Master of the California Grange. Secretary is E. A. McMillan of Bakersfield, official of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and Treasurer is Victor Lazzaro of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council. Three Vice-Presidents serve the Association in several areas: former Senator H. F. Dillinger of Placerville; John E. Thorne, San Jose labor attorney; and Sam M. Kibler, Visalia farmer. Others on the Board of Directors include: Sam Eubanks, San Francisco, Vice-President of the California CIO; T. A. Small, San Mateo, Vice-President of the California A. F. of L.; Charles E. Lambert, Willows, irrigation engineers; E. K. Finney, Modesto farmer; and Nicholas Petris, Oakland lawyer.

Association officials estimate that, through its sponsoring and affiliated groups, over 4,000,000 Californians are represented in water and power matters.

Labor Will Attend Water and Power Conference Oct. 28

A Water and Power Conference to evolve plans and program for solving California's water and power problems has been called by the California Water and Power User's Association, it was revealed by Robert B. River of Oakland, Consultant to the Association.

The Conference will be held on October 28th and 29th in the Leamington Hotel, Oakland, and will be attended by officers, directors and members of the Association, plus delegates from its sponsoring groups, which include the State Federation of Labor, California State Grange, California CIO Industrial Union Council, the Railroad Brotherhoods, Catholic Rural Life Conference, and numerous other bodies representing farmers, labor, veterans, consumers, water and power users, and religious groups.

Participants will hear talks by such figures as Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Senators Kuchel, Neuberger (Ore.), and Magnuson (Wash.), Congressman Clair Engle, State Senator Regan and Assemblyman Lindsay, as well as other lawmakers. It is expected that representatives of the various state and federal water agencies will also be heard as well as persons representative of public and private power interests and power using industries. It is hoped that Governor Goodwin J. Knight will open the conference and be the first speaker.

Panel sessions will be held to discuss such subjects as Organization of a State Department of Water Resources, California's water laws, Utility Regulation, Federal and State water and power policies, the "partnership" idea, and the water problems of urban versus rural areas.

Attendance by members of interested bodies and the general public will be permitted those who register and pay the required conference fees. Further information may be had by contacting the Association through Box 145, Fruitvale Station, Oakland 1, California.

Machinists Assist Office Employees

Forty timekeepers and dispatchers have won their strike for recognition against Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co. plant at Philadelphia thanks to individual recognition of their picket line by several hundred AFL Machinists.

The company agreed to recognize the strikers' union, the AFL Office Employees International. Still pending is the company's \$1.5 million suit against the Machinists' local, charging it with re-violating a no-strike clause. The organization of the trade union movement will be left to the initiative of the rank and file.

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